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Applicants: Zack et al.

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For: AUTOMATED SECURITY AND
REORDER SYSTEM FOR
TRANSPONDER TAGGED ITEMS

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) Art Unit: 3627

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This is in response to the initial Office Action of October 6, 2001. The Office Action rejected Claims 1-28 under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,920,261 to Hughes et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,568,596 to Shaw.

1. Summary of the Invention

Prior to discussing the particular issues raised by the Office Action, Applicants believe that a summary review of Applicants' invention would be useful. As discussed in the Specification (such as at pages 3-6), in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention, there is provided an automated security and reorder system for items maintained within a boundary. Each item has an associated transponder, and each transponder is configured to transmit item identification data for indicating a secured status and a consumable status of the associated item. The system is provided with a



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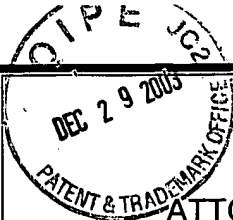
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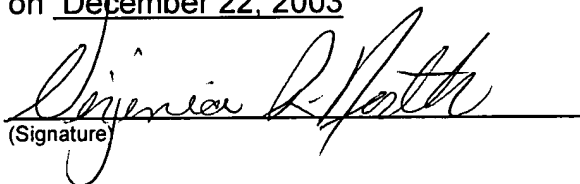
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